THIRD DAY—*Wednesday, 16th October 1929.*

The House re-assembled at 12 noon.

In the absence of the Dewan, the First Member of Council presided.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

MR. B. SRINIVASA RAO (Bowringpet Taluk).—

Q.—24. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) When the District Board, Kolar, decided the levy of Railway Cess and the resolution passed by the Board in this respect ?

(*b*) The agreement between the Board and the Government in regard to this levy ?

(*c*) The year-war realisations from the levy from the beginning up-to-date and the amount and the manner in which it was spent every year ?

(*d*) The year-war amount spent by the District Board towards the railway up till now ?

(*e*) The extent of the railway debenture bonds raised by the Board, the amount liquidated so far and the balance due towards principal and interest ?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, GENERAL DEPARTMENTS.—

A.—24. (*a*) On 16th November 1912. The resolution of the Board is as follows :—

"Resolved that Government be addressed to allow a three-pie railway cess to be levied in the District on Land Revenue and Mohatarfa so as to make provision for the formation of a sinking fund to pay off the loan capital and payment of interest on the Debenture Bonds."

(*b*) As the levy is under the Regulation, there is no agreement in regard to the levy of the Railway Cess. If the member refers to the agreement relating to construction of railway, then it is to be stated that under Clause 9A of that agreement the District Board should repay the amounts

advanced to it by Government from the realisations from the railway cess or other funds of the Board when the Government consider it fit to require such repayment.

(*c*) The amount realised is noted below :—

Year	*Railway Cess realised* Rs.
1914-15	47,662
1915-16	52,837
1916-17	61,052
1917-18	52,845
1918-19	51,801
1919-20	86,797
1920-21	84,432
1921-22	90,704
1922-23	89,310
1923-24	96,081
1924-25	80,468
1925-26	94,127
1926-27	95,358
1927-28	62,252
1928-29	46,115

The cess was utilised for the adjustment of the advances made by Government for making up the Board's share of the construction charges.

(*d*) The capital cost incurred is noted below:—

Year	*Capital outlay paid* Rs.
1913-14	3,04,391
1914-15	1,47,743
1915-16	3,03,127
1916-17	1,66,872
1922-23	1,69,060
1923-24	1,84,757
1924-25	—34,812
1925-26	5,166
1926-27	37,031
1927-28	8,900
1928-29	17,260

	Rs.
(*e*) Debenture bonds raised ..	4,48,800
Bonds redeemed	17,100
Balance due towards principal ..	4,31,700
Balance of interest still due ..	18,000

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr. B. Srinivasa Rao.—

When we have paid over Rs. 10 lakhs as against Rs. 8 lakhs due, is it right to continue the levy of the cess ?

First Member of Council.—

The cess is on account of railway lines in the district as a whole and not for any particular line.

Mr. B. Srinivasa Rao.—

Has the District Board started a Sinking Fund ?

First Member of Council.—

The information has to be ascertained.

Mr. B. Srinivasa Rao.—

Has Government enquired into that matter ?

First Member of Council.—

As I stated, the information required has to be ascertained.

Mr. B. Srinivasa Rao.—

If after proper calculation it is found that the District Board has already paid more than the loan, will the Government abolish the cess ?

Second Member of Council.—

Let the District Board consider the question and send up a resolution.

Mr. B. Srinivasa Rao.—

If the District Board passes a resolution that the cess should not be levied, would the Government agree ?

First Member of Council.—

The matter requires consideration.

MESSRS. D. YEJAMAN SIDDAPPA (Tumkur Municipality) and NABI KHAN (Tumkur Taluk).—

Q.—27. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) The amount of remissions sanctioned under Forest and Excise contracts in the State from the year 1921 till now ?